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ITEM NO: 2 DATE: 22 JULY 1974

SUBJECT: NEW PRIME MINISTER IN ETHIOPIA

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WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRIME MINISTER MIKAEL IMRU, IT IS APPARENT THAT ETHIOPIA WILL CONTINUE ITS INFORMAL STRUCTURE OF DUAL GOVERNMENT CONSISTING OF A CABINET HEADED BY A CIVILIAN AND THE MORE POWERFUL ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS OF THE AFCC HAD FAVORED A PREDOMINANTLY MILITARY CABINET, THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON OF MIKAEL'S CALIBER SUGGESTS THAT FOR THE PRESENT, THE BASICALLY CIVILIAN COMPLEXION OF THE CABINET WILL BE MAINTAINED. MIKAEL IS A MODERATE AND A COMPETENT ADMINISTRATOR AND MAY BE ABLE TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH THE MILITARY.

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THE AFCC HAD BEEN READY TO DROP THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, ENDELKATCHEW, FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE FELT HE WAS TOO SLOW IN IMPLEMENTING CHANGES IT WAS DEMANDING. ENDELKATCHEW IS VULNERABLE TO CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND MAY SOON JOIN OFFICIALS FROM FORMER GOVERNMENTS IN DETENTION.

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